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In re the Application of

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For: TACK LABELS AND PLASTIC CONTAINERS WITH SUCH TACK LABELS

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Sir:

In reply to the July 31, 2002 Office Action, the period for reply extended by a two-month Petition for Extension of Time to December 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3-5, 10 and 11 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 1, 6, 8 and 12 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A tack label comprising a label base material, a printing layer formed on a first surface of the label base material, an adhesive layer formed on a second surface which opposes the first surface of the label base material, wherein said adhesive layer comprises a hot water-soluble adhesive which is substantially insoluble in water at a normal temperature and readily soluble in hot water, and a non-adhesive masking layer formed in a central part of the adhesive layer, so that the adhesive layer has a ring-shaped adhesive area, and formed at a part of an edge of said adhesive area.